GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
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FERTILIZER FARMER CONSUMER CENTRE
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any scheme to open Fertilizer Farmers Consumer Centre for providing fertilizers to the farmers in time at reasonable rates;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the arrangements/steps being made by the Government to provide fertilizers to farmers in time?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI HANSRAJ GANGARAM AHIR)

(a) & (b): No. Madam.

(c): On the basis of month-wise and state-wise projection given by Department of Agriculture and Cooperation (DAC), Department of Fertilizers provides sufficient /adequate quantities of fertilizers at State level and distribution within the State through cooperative sector or private sector or marketing federation is the responsibility of the concerned State Government. Further, fertilizers have been declared as essential commodities under the Essential Commodities Act (ECA). .1S55. In order to ensure adequate availability of fertilizers at reasonable price to the farmers the Government of India under Section 3 of the Essential Commodities Act has promulgated the Fertilizer Control Order (FCO) 1985. FCO empowers the State Governments to take appropriate action to make available fertilizers in their States at reasonabie prices.

Moreover, to ensure timely availability of fertilizers to farmers the following steps are being taken by the Government: -

(i) The movement of all major subsidized fertilizers is being monitored throughout the country by an on-line web based monitoring system (www.urvarak.co in) also called as Fertilizer Monitoring System (FMS);

(ii) The State Governments are regularly advised to coordinate with manufacturers and importers of fertilizers for streamlining the supplies through timely placement of indents for railway rakes through their state institutional agencies like Markfed etc.

(iii) Regular Weekly Video Conference is conducted jointly by Department of Agriculture & Cooperation (DAC), Department of Fertilizers (DoF). and Ministry of Railways with State Agriculture Officials and corrective actions are taken to dispatch fertilizer as indicated by the State Governments.

(iv) The gap in the demand and domestic production of fertilizer is met through imports.